

an estimated 11,090 women will die from ovarian cancer this year. Too many American women—sisters, daughters, nieces, wives, friends, neighbors, and coworkers—are losing their lives to this disease.

Because ovarian cancer screening or early detection test do not currently exist, organizations stress that “until there’s a test, awareness is best.” I commend the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance for its steadfast commitment to make women aware of the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer and for its advocacy on behalf of women and families touched by this devastating disease. I also would like to commend the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance’s Partner Member groups in Arizona.

Experts recommend that women see a gynecologist if they experience any of the often subtle symptoms of ovarian cancer daily for more than a few weeks. Four major symptoms of ovarian cancer include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, and frequent or urgent need to urinate. I ask all of my colleagues to become familiar with these symptoms and to share the information with their friends, family, staff, and constituents.

Ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among women and the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths, making it the deadliest of gynecologic cancers. If ovarian cancer is treated before it has spread outside the ovary, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. Currently, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are found at such an early stage and overall the relative five-year survival rate is 46 percent. I urge my colleagues to help make women aware of the potential warning signs to prevent future deaths. Experts acknowledge that symptoms can be vague and may be associated with other medical conditions, however, as the saying goes, it is better to be safe than sorry.

September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month—an important time during which ovarian cancer organizations, advocates, and others will be helping to raise awareness about the disease and its symptoms. Teal is the official color for ovarian cancer, like pink is for breast cancer. My staff and I will be wearing teal or teal ribbons to indicate our support of the ovarian cancer community and their efforts, including increasing awareness of the symptoms, boosting federal funding for ovarian cancer awareness, and expanding federal research to improve treatments and support the development of a desperately needed screening or early detection test.

I urge my colleagues and their staffs to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and to join with us in wearing teal throughout September to increase public knowledge about this deadly disease.

HONORING CITY COUNCILMAN
GREG NORDBAK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg

Nordbak and his 18 years of public service to the people of Whittier, California. Greg and his wife Donna have called Whittier home since 1980, and they have been fixtures in Whittier civic life ever since.

Since beginning the first of his five terms on the Whittier City Council in 1994, Greg has worked tirelessly to ensure Whittier remains safe for its residents and economically vibrant for its business community. Under his tenure, Whittier has seen the creation of various city resources such as the Whittier Greenway Trail acquisition and development, the construction of the Parnell Park Community and Senior Center, a new Whittier Police Headquarters Building, Pio Pico State Historic Park Renovation, the Uptown Whittier Specific Plan, the Whittier Boulevard Specific Plan, and release of Fred C. Nelles property for development.

Over the years, Greg’s civic involvement has grown exponentially to include proudly serving as Chairman of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA), as past president of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, as a former Board Member of the Whittier Rio Hondo AIDS Project (WRHAP), as well as volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club of Whittier, the Skills Foundation, and the Rio Hondo Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Over the past decade, Greg has always worked to ensure that Whittier operates on firm financial footing and never outside its fiscal means. While the broader economy has impacted many cities throughout Southern California, Whittier has managed to maintain funding for all city services and capital improvement projects. Greg Nordbak is a big reason why Whittier can continue to deliver for its residents.

From one public servant to another, I praise Greg Nordbak and commend him on his many years of outstanding public service and dedication to the City of Whittier and the community. Whittier would not be the community it is today without him.

A TRIBUTE TO NEIL ARMSTRONG,
A TRUE AMERICAN HERO

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero, Neil Alden Armstrong whose recent passing has impacted not only family members and those who were close to him, but also a nation that will forever salute his unforgettable step onto the surface of our moon.

Born August 5, 1930; Armstrong lifted off the runway for the first time at the age of two on a Ford Trimotor nicknamed “The Tin Goose.” As a young man, he found a passion in flying planes, becoming flight certified early in life at the age of fifteen. It is no surprise that he studied aerospace engineering at Purdue University as a member of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps under the Hollo-way Plan.

After completing two years of college, Armstrong was ordered to enroll in flight training in Pensacola, Florida on the path to becoming an active duty Naval Aviator. Armstrong’s resolute character and bravery reached a new

pedestal after he was shot down in combat during the Korean War. He returned to Purdue University, graduated in 1955, and took an assignment to continue his Navy service at Edward’s Air Force Base, where he subsequently earned a masters degree in aeronautics. Soon after, he flew as a civilian pilot for NASA’s parent agency, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), in Cleveland, Ohio.

As a test pilot, Armstrong was exposed to innovative military aircraft, playing a central role in helping to refine and improve aeronautic technologies. Armstrong’s ascension as a strong leader was inevitable as respect for his reliable character and yet humble personality was recognized within the ranks of the military and space elite.

In 1958, after a successful tenure piloting aircraft as both a civilian and military airman, Armstrong was recruited into the Air Force’s “Man in Space Soonest,” division. He piloted some of the earliest aircraft to be engineered to breach the Earth’s atmosphere and outpace the speed of sound surpassing 4,000 miles per hour. This was a very exciting era in space innovation, which remains close to our hearts in Florida’s Space Coast, where many residents, including myself, were fortunate enough to be employed by NASA’s Apollo program in the late 1960’s.

Over the course of Armstrong’s career as an astronaut he logged thousands of hours in preparation for space travel. Relentless in the pursuit to harvest knowledge, he became a college professor after his retirement from NASA. Armstrong’s commitment to his work and his unwavering receptiveness of challenge after challenge set a precedent, hand in hand, complimenting the world-shadowing message of the American space revolution. He was not simply a man with a technical ability to fly, rather a renaissance example of humble character and passionate conviction for the advancement of humankind.

Those of us who were alive on July 20, 1969, will never forget what we felt as an American space pioneer, Neil Armstrong, stepped from the lunar module and was the first human to place foot on the moon. “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” are a constant reminder of human achievement and American ingenuity and they serve as a constant reminder to that the seemingly impossible can be achieved.

An American icon has passed after eighty-two fulfilling years. Neil Armstrong’s chronicled achievements will be forever observed in history and he will never be forgotten as the father of lunar exploration. He was a wonderful human being, a true gentleman, honest, sincere, and seemingly unaffected by his many accomplishments and notoriety. He will continue to serve as a role model and an inspiration for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA’S BE-
LOVED DR. WILLIAM “BILL”
MALOY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of